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Turkey Stops Requiring Biotech-Free Enzyme Certificate

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Report Highlights:

On May 5, 2015, Turkey's Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MinFAL) directed ports to regulate the import of enzymes under the Veterinary, Food and Feed Regulation, which discontinues the requirement for importers to provide a certificate for biotech-free enzymes or for products that utilized enzymes in their manufacture. Turkey will continue to require a biotech-free certificate for the import of microorganisms.

General Information:

On May 5, 2015, MinFAL issued a directive that implements a Biosafety Board decision that excludes enzymes from the scope of the Biosafety Law. The directive instructs provincial offices and ports to regulate the import of enzymes and products that utilized enzymes in their manufacture under the Veterinary, Food and Feed Law.

The directive instructs provincial offices and ports to continue to require government-issued certification that microorganisms are not genetically engineered.